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REMARKS

The present response is intended to be fully responsive to all points of objection and/or rejection raised by the Examiner and is believed to place the application in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

Applicants assert that the present invention is new, non-obvious and useful. Prompt consideration and allowance of the claims is respectfully requested.

Status of Claims

Claims 51-71 are pending in the application.

Claims 51-71 have been rejected.

Claims 51, 57 and 63 have been amended.

Claims 52, 56, 61, 62 and 68-71 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. In making this cancellation without prejudice, Applicants reserve all rights in these claims to file divisional and/or continuation patent applications.

Claim 57 has been voluntarily amended for clarification only. This amendment does not narrow the scope of the claim, nor is it being made for reasons of patentability.

Applicants respectfully assert that the amendments to the claims add no new matter.

The Telephone Interview

Initially, Applicants wish to thank the Examiner, Kwame BAPTISTE, for granting and attending the telephone interview, with Applicants' Representative, Morcy Wildes, Reg. No. 36,968 on July 2, 2007. In the interview, the Examiner has clarified the finality of the office action and indicated that the time is to be reset from the time of the supplementary office action mailed on August 8, 2007.

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CLAIM REJECTIONS

35 U.S.C. § 103 Rejections

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 51-71 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), as being unpatentable over Alfano et al. (US 6,240,312) in view of Iddan (US 5,604, 531) and further in view of Lemelson (US 5,993,378).

Amended claim 51 includes, *inter alia*, an in vivo device having a front end and a rear end, said device comprising ... at least one optical window at the front end and at least one optical window at the rear end, each window covering at least a plurality of illumination sources.

Applicants assert that none of Alfano et al. (US 6,240,312), Iddan (US 5,604,531) or Lemelson (US 5,993,378), alone or in combination, teach or suggest, in vivo device having a front end and a rear end, said device comprising ... at least one optical window at the front end and at least one optical window at the rear end, each window covering at least a plurality of illumination sources.

Amended claim 63 includes, *inter alia*, a method for in vivo imaging comprising *inter alia* obtaining images from each of the at least two optical windows there being covered by each optical window at least an imager and a plurality of illumination sources.

Applicants assert that none of Alfano et al. (US 6,240,312), Iddan (US 5,604, 531), or Lemelson (US 5,993,378), alone or in combination, teach or suggest, a method for in vivo imaging comprising *inter alia* obtaining images from each of the at least two optical windows there being covered by each optical window at least an imager and a plurality of illumination sources.

The combination of Alfano et al. (US 6,240,312) in view of Iddan (US 5,604, 531) further in view of Lemelson (US 5,993,378) does not teach or suggest all the limitations of claims 51 and 63, nor does it teach or suggest all the limitations of claims 53-55, 57-60 and

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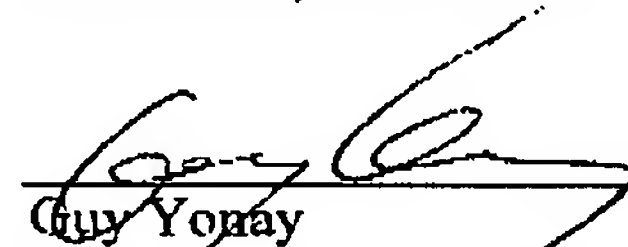
64-67, each dependent from one of claims 51 and 63. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully assert that this rejection should be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the pending claims are deemed to be allowable. Their favorable reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner have any question or comment as to the form, content or entry of this Amendment, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number below. Similarly, if there are any further issues yet to be resolved to advance the prosecution of this application to issue, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned counsel.

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